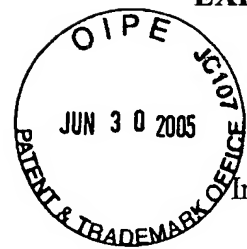


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **March 30, 2005**, and is submitted on or before the due date of **June 30, 2005**. Applicants believe that there is no fee due associated with this matter, however, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing Attorney Docket No. 03678.0102.CPUS00.